(e) and (f) There is no proposal for Government to take up transmission of any Private Channel.

Clearance of Proposals by Prasar Bharati Board

1442. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD CASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the composition and constitution of Prasar Bharati Board;

(b) the basis of appointment of Members and Chief Executive;

(c) whether it is a fact that the present Chief Executive of the Prasar Bharati is keeping a number of proposals for Doordarshan programmes for several months; and

(d) the reasons for delaying several proposals on North-Eastern Region and the steps being taken to clear these proposals at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) As per the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990, Prasar Bharati Board shall consist of:—

(i) a Chairman;
(ii) one Executive Member;
(iii) one Member (Finance);
(iv) one Member (Personnel);
(v) six Part-time Members;
(vi) Director General (Akashvani), ex-officio;
(vii) Director General (Doordarshan), ex-officio;
(viii) one representative of the Union Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, to be nominated by that Ministry; and
(ix) Two representatives of the employees of the Corporation, of whom one shall be elected by the engineering staff from amongst themselves and one shall be elected by the other employees from amongst themselves.

At present, the Board has the following Members:—

(i) Prof. U.R. Rao —Chairman
(ii) Shri B.G. Verghese—Part-time Member.
(iii) Lt. General M.A. Zaki (Retd.)—Part-time Member.
(iv) Prof. Vidya Nivas Mishra—Part-time Member.
(v) Shri S. Kasipandian—Part-time Member.
(vi) Additional Secretary, holding the charge of Executive Member.

(vii) Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser--representative of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

(b) As per the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990, the Chairman and the other Members, except the ex-officio Members, the Nominated Member and the elected Members, are appointed by the President of India on the recommendation of a committee consisting of:—

(i) the Chairman of the Council of States, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee;

(ii) the Chairman of the Press Council of India established under section 4 of the Press Council Act, 1978; and

(iii) one nominee of the President of India.

(c) Prasar Bharati sources its programmes from outside on sponsorship commissioned basis, depending on the requirements of various channels, from time to time. As per the guidelines issued recently, these proposals are evaluated by a Committee of Experts which includes outsiders as well. Sourcing of proposal is a continuing process and systems have been streamlined to minimize the delays in processing of the proposals.

(d) As per the availability of funds and suitablity of content for the North-East Channel, about 450 proposals have been cleared by Prasar Bharati from January 2001 till date for the North-East Channel. Producer of programmes not found suitable have been informed. Fresh proposals will be invited as and when funds are available for this purpose.

Emergence of Indian Entertainment Industry

1443. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating certain steps to boost the Indian entertainment industry in view of emergence of this industry to the international level;

(b) whether Government are considering to bring it to the concurrent list of the Constitution; and

(c) the response of State Governments regarding the rationalization of entertainment in all the States?